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DPL Energy Withdraws its Grant County Application

DPL Energy has withdrawn its permit application for a peaking power plant near Fairmount in Grant County. DPL, which submitted its application last August, said it would submit another application at a later date.

Consequently, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management canceled the public hearing scheduled for January 17 at Madison-Grant High School about DPL's proposed Construction and Operation Permit and Acid Deposition Control Program Permit.

In a letter dated January 10, 2001, DPL Energy stated, in part, "... we have listened to issues brought to our attention by several individuals that live in the community. As a result of their input, we will be making several design modifications to our proposed units that we believe should be included in a new PTI Application (Permit to Construct and Operate application). Therefore, we are withdrawing our current application and will re-submit a revised application once the design has been modified."

If DPL Energy submits a new permit application, it would trigger a new permit review process. This process would require DPL to notify property owners adjoining the proposed the peaking power plant site. IDEM would also notify local government officials if and when DPL Energy submits an application and there would be a public comment period as well as an opportunity for the public to request a public hearing.